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Nixon Insists Kennedy Given ALL the Facts

Since the Cuba briefing furor, Richard Nixon has made revisions in his book "Six Crises." He still contends, however, that President Kennedy was fully informed of U.S. plans to aid Cuban patriots. Following is a footnote in Nixon's book:

Senator Kennedy was briefed on Cuba by CIA representatives on July 23, 1960, at Hyannis Port, Mass. Press accounts at the time characterized this briefing as a "nothing withheld rundown" on the "two hotspots, Cuba and the Congo."

The New York Times on July 24, reported "... Such secret information as was added to the Senator's fund of knowledge about world affairs will remain secret. But it provides guidance for his campaign utterances dealing with foreign policy and defense and it puts him on the same footing as the Administration's candidate, presumably Vice President Nixon."

However, after the publication of the first edition of this book, the White House issued a statement on March 29, 1962, denying that the two and one

fourth hour briefing covered any United States operations relating to Cuba.

On March 21, I made the following statement:

"Because the Cuban issue was such an important one in the campaign, I personally researched the facts relating to it. The statements in my book, Six Crises, were based not only on the public press accounts of the briefings President Kennedy received during the campaign in 1960, but on personal conversations with responsible individuals who had knowledge of the facts."

"President Eisenhower has authorized me to state that following the practice he had established in 1956 he had given instructions that in regard to U.S. intelligence activities abroad, Senator Kennedy was to be as fully briefed on our foreign problems as I was."

"Beyond this, I have no further comment. The book speaks for itself."